

ST. LOUIS

Conservation Connections

News and Events from the Missouri Department of Conservation • October 2013



Flood Damage Repairs: Columbia Bottom Conservation Area



The spring of 2013 was as cool and wet as the summer of 2012 was hot and dry. As a result of all the rain in the St. Louis region our two major rivers, the Missouri and the Mississippi, rose to levels not experienced in years. Unfortunately, there was flooding in and around towns along both rivers and at one of MDC's most popular St. Louis Region destinations: Columbia Bottom Conservation Area. During the peak of the high water, one could drive along Columbia Bottom Road and see how the two rivers mingled and covered almost the entire area. It seems that in the past five to ten years we have had periods of really bad weather in our state ranging from terrible ice storms in southeast Missouri to deadly and destructive tornados in St. Louis and Joplin.

One of the responsibilities of our Design and Development Division is to follow up after weather related damage and assist area staff with the cleanup and repairs to infrastructure. Columbia Bottom CA sustained substantial damage to the main area road, some of the interior roads, and to the public boat launching facility. The main road was closed due to the damage, but with the help of MDC statewide crewmembers Dennis Kusgen

and Alan Kiral, who hauled rock, along with Heavy Equipment Operator Mark Harding, who ran the motor grader, the interior road was opened to the public soon after the flood waters receded.

At the boat launching facility there was quite a bit of damage to the asphalt parking areas, the ramp turn around, sidewalks, and restrooms. There was also two to four inches of silt left by the flood water on roads and parking areas that

had to be cleared away. The first priority was for the debris - like driftwood, whole trees, channel buoys, silt, and trash - to be cleared and then to start the repairs to the ramp area. Tim Schuette, our Lead Equipment Operator, used an excavator to do much of the debris clearing from the areas to be repaired. He also worked to repair the breaches in the levee where the river water rushed in to flood the area.

The decision was made to replace the damaged asphalt at the ramp with concrete. Lead Carpenters, David Grishow and Everett Hurley, led the crew, that included Heavy Equipment Operator John Peine, along with Carpenters Karl Nowak and Edis McNeil. Assisting was Resource Assistant Danny Patterson and Columbia Bottom staffer Clyde Schulte. As of August 8, the crew had poured over 100 cubic yards of concrete at the boat launching area, with more to come. Thanks to the hard work and skill of these MDC employees the emergency crews as well as the public were able to use the ramp by mid-August.

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St. Louis Region construction/
maintenance superintendent*



Jay Henges Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center

1100 Antire Road, High Ridge, MO 63049 • mdc.mo.gov/node/299



From the east/St. Louis
I-44 west to Beaumont Antire Road,
exit 269. Left over I-44 to Antire Road.
Right onto Antire. One hundred feet to
entrance. Left into driveway.

From the west/Eureka
I-44 east to Beaumont Antire Road, exit
269. Follow exit lane around to top.

HOURS:

May 1–August 31

Wednesday: 1–7:30 p.m.

Thursday–Sunday: 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

September 1–April 30

Wednesday–Sunday: 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Programs are free. Call **636-938-9548** or email henges.range@mdc.mo.gov with your name and phone number to sign up for a program requiring registration. If calling, leave a detailed message on ext. 1755. Reservations will be accepted beginning at 12 a.m. on the day of registration. You will be contacted for confirmation. Up to two reservations are allowed per registration; groups should contact the range for more information. If you are unable to attend, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on the waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice.

Introduction to Air Rifle

Oct 2 • Wednesday • 6–7:30 p.m.

(Ages 11 and up)

Keep up your shooting skills without the high cost of ammunition. Discuss the various types and their advantages and disadvantages. There will be no range time for this program. (Reservations begin at 12 a.m. on September 2.)

Basic Handgun, Part 1 and 2

Oct 3 and 5 • Thursday • 6–8 p.m.

and • Saturday • 8–9:30 a.m.

(Ages 16 and up)

This two-part program will include a classroom session on Thursday evening, then a live-fire session on Saturday morning. Although equipment and ammunition will be provided, you may bring your own handgun and ammunition to the Saturday morning live-fire session. Anyone under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. (Reservations begin at 12 a.m. on September 3.)

Women's Basic Shotgun

Oct 12 • Saturday • 3–5:30 p.m.

(Ages 11 and up)

Join us for an introductory program shooting shotguns. We will cover proper gun selection, proper fit, appropriate ammunition choices, and shooting accessories. We will learn basic shooting stance, gun mount, and movement. After a classroom session, we'll move to the trap field for a time to practice what we've learned. (Reservations begin at 12 a.m. on September 12.)

Trigger Time – Handgun

Oct 13 • Sunday • 8:30–9:30 a.m.

(Ages 18 and up)

Trigger Time is “hands-on” personal instruction designed to make you a better marksman. There is no classroom time, just expert one-on-one instruction from one of our highly qualified staff. Participants are required to provide their own handguns and ammunition, at least 100 rounds. This program is not appropriate for beginners. (Reservations begin at 12 a.m. on September 13.)

Whitetail Deer, From Field to Freezer

Oct 15 • Tuesday • 6–8 p.m.

(Ages 11 and Up)

Learn the steps necessary to process

your deer meat yourself. We will demonstrate how to skin and butcher the deer in simple easy steps with a minimum amount of equipment. You'll learn tips on how to make sure your venison is the best quality possible. (Reservations begin at 12 a.m. on September 10.)

Basic Rifle, Part 1 and 2

Oct 17 and 19 • Thursday • 6–8 p.m.

and • Saturday • 8–9:30 a.m.

(Ages 16 and up)

We start with a classroom session on Thursday evening, then a live-fire session on Saturday morning. Although equipment and ammunition will be provided, you may bring your own to the Saturday morning live-fire session. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. (Reservations begin at 12 a.m. on September 17.)

Basic Shotgun

Oct 19 • Saturday • 3–5:30 p.m.

(Ages 11 and up)

Get started in shotgun sports. We will discuss appropriate shotguns, correct fit, gauge and ammunition selection, proper stance, mount, movement, and vision. Break some clay targets after the classroom portion of the program. The shooting portion of this program is not appropriate for children under 90 lbs. weight. (Reservations begin at 12 a.m. on September 19.)

Youth .22 Rifle

Oct 26 • Saturday • 8–9:30 a.m.

(Ages 9–15)

Interested young people who have never had experience shooting .22 rifles are invited to participate in a Saturday morning session learning safety and the proper techniques of shooting .22 rimfire rifles in a controlled safe environment. Firearms, ammunition, and safety equipment is provided. (Reservations begin at 12 a.m. on September 26.)

Busch Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center

2360 Hwy D, St. Charles, MO 63304 • mdc.mo.gov/node/270

Survival Tactics for the Outdoorsman

Oct 2 • Wednesday • 6–9 p.m.
(Ages 11 and up)

Are you prepared if an emergency happens during an outdoor adventure? Learn the survival skills necessary when stranded, lost, or hurt, in the woods. We will go over what to eat, water purification, shelter, and other survival skills. Ages 11–16 must be accompanied by an adult. (Reservations begin September 2.)

Field to Freezer

Oct 5 • Saturday • 9 a.m.–noon
(Ages 11 and up)

Learn what to do with the deer after the shot. We will cover all the aspects of field dressing, safe knife handling, and tools you need to properly prepare your venison for the freezer. We will go over proper packaging techniques. Ages 11–16 must be accompanied by an adult. (Reservations begin September 9.)

Firearm Care and Cleaning

Oct 9 • Wednesday • 6–9 p.m.
(Ages 11 and up)

After a hunt, or shooting session what do you need to do in order to keep your firearm in top condition? Learn to care for and clean your firearms, what tools are needed, types of solvents and oil, and proper storage. Ages 11–16 must be accompanied by an adult. (Reservations begin September 9.)

Women's Firearm Selection

Oct 10 • Thursday • 6–8 p.m.
(Ages 16 and up)

New to shooting and thinking about purchasing a firearm? This class will teach you how to determine what firearm would be best suited to your interests. We will go over barrel length, weight, and action, and how to determine what will be a good choice for you. (Reservations begin September 10.)

Deer Rifle Sight In

October 12 • Saturday • 7:30–9:30 a.m.
(Ages 11 and up)

Get ready for deer season. Our experts will help you sight in your hunting rifle. Bring the firearm and ammunition you will be hunting with. We will go over how to properly sight in for the hunt and what distance you should sight in for. Ages 11–16 must be accompanied by an adult. (Reservations begin September 12.)



Basic Shotgun

Oct 16 and 17 • Wednesday • and • Thursday • 6–8 p.m.
(Ages 12 and up)

This course is an introduction to shotguns. We will start in the classroom on Wednesday night where you will learn safety, actions, chokes, stance, and how to choose and shoot shotguns. On Thursday we will go to the range for live fire, including some clay target shooting. Children ages 12–16 must be accompanied by an adult. (Reservations begin September 16.)

Basic Handgun

Oct 23, 24, 26 • Wednesday • 6–9 p.m.,
• Thursday • 6–8 p.m.
• Saturday • 7:30–9:30 a.m.
(Ages 16 and up)

An introduction to handgun shooting. Wednesday is the classroom portion located at the August A. Busch Conservation Regional Office classroom. Thursday or Saturday will be the live fire portion at the August A. Busch Shooting Range. (Reservations begin September 23.)



From I-64/40 take Hwy 94 south to Hwy D; turn west on Hwy D for approximately 5 miles. The area entrance is on the south side of Hwy D.

HOURS:

December 1–March 31

Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

April 1–November 30

Monday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: 10 a.m.–4 p.m. and Tuesday: 2–8 p.m.

Programs are free. Call **636-441-4554** to register Monday through Friday 8 a.m.–5 p.m. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on the waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice.

Deer Season Preparation

Oct 30 • Wednesday • 6–8 p.m.
(Ages 11 and up)

Join our experts as they teach what you need to do to get ready for your deer hunt. We will go over safety, clothing, scents, deer stands, and much more. Ages 11–16 must be accompanied by an adult. (Reservations begin September 30.)



Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center

11715 Cragwold Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122 • mdc.mo.gov/node/271



From I-44 east take the Watson Road exit and turn left onto Geyer. Cross over the bridge and turn left onto Cragwold Road. Follow one mile to the entrance.

HOURS:

Building: Tuesday–Saturday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Area: Daily: 8 a.m.–8 p.m. DST
8 a.m.–6 p.m. CST

Programs are free. Call **314-301-1500** to register. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on the waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice.

Beginning Archery at Emmenegger Nature Park

Oct 4 • Friday • 9–11:30 a.m.

(Adults ages 18 and up)

Ready, Aim, Fire! Come and learn the basics of safe archery and practice your skills in an open field with stationary targets. All equipment will be provided. To get to Emmenegger Nature Park, go west on Cragwold Rd. (past the Powder Valley entrance), cross over the highway and go south (left) on Stonewood. Please meet at the pavilion. The entire program will be outdoors, so please dress for the weather. (Reservations begin September 20.)

Missourians care about conserving forests, fish and wildlife.

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(Ages 10 and up)

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Babes in the Woods

Oct 10 • Thursday • 10–10:30 a.m.

or 11–11:30 a.m.

(Ages birth–3)

It's never too early to begin enjoying the outdoors. Fall is the perfect time to explore what is happening in nature. Join us for a stroller walk and discover how nature appeals to our senses. (Reservations begin September 24.)

Volunteer Milestones

Wayne Schiefelbein

100 hours

Poisonous and Venomous Things Discovery Table

Oct 12 • Saturday • 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

(All ages, especially Cub Scouts)

Come and learn about the poisonous and venomous plants and animals found in Missouri. We will be learning about snakes, spiders, bees, wasps, hornets, scorpions, mushrooms and everybody's favorite; poison ivy. There will be live examples of venomous animals found in the area. Come anytime during the 4 hour period. (No reservations required.)

Autumn Leaves are Falling

Oct 15 • Tuesday • 9:30–11 a.m.

(Ages 6–10)

Autumn leaves are falling! Come to Powder Valley and learn to identify some of Missouri's common trees. We will also take a hike to pick out a few beautiful leaves, and then bring them back into the classroom to make a take-home project. (Reservations begin October 1.)

Skeleton Keys

Oct 22 • Tuesday • 9:30–11:30 a.m.

(Ages 7 and up)

Skeletons are a key part of Halloween. See some real animal skulls and skeletons. Look at the teeth. Did the animal eat plants, meat or both? Did the animal swim, walk or slither? No tricks here – just treat yourself to some skeleton fun this month! (Reservations begin October 8.)

You and Me Under the Canopy

Oct 29 • Tuesday • 10–11 a.m.

(Ages birth–8)

Families, meet in the nature center lobby at 10 a.m. for a "nature" adventure. Everyone will hike with the naturalist to a special place in the forest and enjoy a nature story under the canopy. Reservations are not required and siblings are welcome! (In case of inclement weather the program will be shortened to 30 minutes.)

Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center

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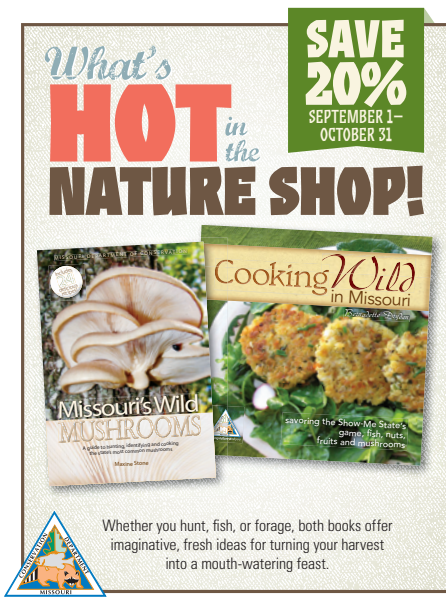
MANAGED HUNT

Powder Valley's building and trails will be closed Saturday, November 9 through Monday, November 11 for a managed archery deer hunt.

Missouri offers numerous managed deer hunts for archery, crossbow, muzzleloading, and modern firearms from mid-September through January. These hunts achieve deer management goals while also providing additional hunting opportunities. Hunters are selected by a weighted random drawing system.

One of the hunts this year will be held at Powder Valley. The deer population for the 112 acres is more than five times the desired density. Long term, the effects of this level of deer numbers include significant habitat destruction, a higher disease rate, and stress on the animals. Balance between a healthy habitat and continued viewing opportunities is the goal.

What's Hot in the Nature Shop!



The October Nature Shop special features two of our bestselling books. You can save 20% when you purchase *Missouri's Wild Mushrooms* by Maxine Stone or *Cooking Wild in Missouri* by Bernadette Dryden. Stock up now for holiday gift-giving.

You can find the Nature Shop online at mdcnatureshop.com or at the following St. Louis Region locations:

August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area
636-441-4554
Columbia Bottom Conservation Area
314-877-6014
Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center
314-301-1500

Hallway Exhibit The Art World Association

Powder Valley welcomes the return of the Art World Association. The Art World Association has been active in the arts since 1963, when it was founded as a fine arts and fine crafts organization. It is a nonprofit organization with professional and nonprofessional members, holding exhibitions in the St. Louis area.

It's Natural Events calendar time again. Please call one of the above locations to verify the calendars are available before making your trip to the Nature Shop.

Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center Holiday Closing

Powder Valley Nature Center and trails will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, and the day after Thanksgiving, November 29 so our staff can enjoy time with their families. The nature center and trails will reopen Saturday, November 30, at 8 a.m.

Columbia Bottom Conservation Area

801 Strodtman Road, St. Louis, MO 63138 • mdc.mo.gov/node/298



From I-270 north, take the Riverview Drive exit (last Missouri exit); go north 2.8 miles. Riverview Drive becomes Columbia Bottom Road at its intersection with Larimore Road. The entrance is on the right-hand side.

HOURS:

Building: Wednesday–Friday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Saturday–Sunday: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Area: One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset except authorized activities.

Programs are free. Call **314-877-6014** to sign up for a program requiring registration. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on the waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice.

Stones and Steel: The Basics of Knife Sharpening

Oct 3 • Thursday • 6–8 p.m.

(Ages 10 and up)

After a successful day afield, when it is time to clean fresh fish or game, a sharp knife is a vital tool. While it is not rocket science, there are a few tricks to putting a good edge on your favorite knife using a basic sharpening stone. We will provide the stones and you can bring along your favorite hunting or filleting knife (straight blade, non-serrated).

Participants under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. (Reservations begin September 19.)

Sticks and Stones

Oct 12 • Saturday • 10–11:30 a.m.

(Ages 3 and up)

Stories, activities and a hike among the trees will help us see why trees are so important to people and animals. Trees can be found all around our yards and neighborhoods. They provide shade, but what else do they do? Through observations and sense of touch, explore and discover the textures of trees. Use scientific tools to investigate their surfaces, cracks and crevices. Then, make tree rubbings to take home and compare with the trees in your yard and neighborhood. (Reservations begin September 28.)

Hunter's Full Moon Walk

Oct 18 • Friday • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

(Ages 10 and up)

Fishing, hunting, and full moon walks are some of the many activities enjoyed by visitors to Columbia Bottom. Learn about the hunting and fishing opportunities at Columbia Bottom before we enjoy a moonlit walk in the crisp autumn evening to visit one of the favorite fishing spots on the Area. Then we will walk to the viewing platform at the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers to watch the Hunter's Full Moon as it rises. We will walk up to 3 miles. Meet at parking lot "L," about 4 ½ miles from the front entrance. (Reservations begin October 4.)



Alien Invaders! Hayride Edition

Oct 19 • Saturday • 5:30, 5:45, 7:15, and 7:30 p.m.

(Families)

Missouri is under attack! Aliens have invaded and they are wreaking havoc on our plants and animals. Help our agents destroy and control these invaders by the light of the nearly full moon. If you liked Men in Black you will love our fall hayride. Reservations are required. If you have mobility issues or a wheel chair, let us know and ask for the 5:30 or 7:15 p.m. trailer. Everyone, please arrive 15 minutes early to allow for check-in and boarding. (Reservations begin October 4.)

August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area

2360 Hwy D, St. Charles, MO 63304 • mdc.mo.gov/node/300

Creatures of the Night

Oct 12 • Saturday • 6–9 p.m.

(Families)

Take a not-so-scary walk through our woods where your senses will come alive! Discover both truths and myths about nocturnal creatures. Program is one hour in length, and you must register for a specific time of 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30 or 8 p.m. (Reservations begin September 30.)

Nuts to You!

Oct 15 • Tuesday • 9:30–11 a.m.

(Ages 3–6)

What makes squirrels run and climb so fast? Why do they stay busy digging holes and burying nuts? Join puppet Frisky Squirrel to find out! Together we will learn all about these exciting creatures through a story, craft activity and outdoor fun! (Reservations begin October 1.)

Lewis Hike–Fall Colors

Oct 19 • Saturday • 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

(Adults)

Join us for an 8.3-mile hike through the forests at the Weldon Spring Conservation Area. We will be looking for fall colors in the trees and shrubs. Effort = Difficult, due to the length of the hike and change in elevation along the trail. (Reservations begin October 4.)

Poisonous & Venomous Things Discovery Table

Oct 26 • Saturday • 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

(All ages, especially Cub Scouts)

We will be looking at and learning about snakes, spiders, bees, wasps, hornets, scorpions, mushrooms and even poison ivy found in Missouri. Live venomous animals on display! You are welcome to come at any time during the four hour period. (No reservations are required.)



From I-64/40 take Hwy 94 south to Hwy D; turn west onto D for approximately two miles. The area entrance is on the north side of Hwy D.

HOURS:

Building: Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Area: Daily: 4 a.m.–10 p.m.

Programs are free. Call **636-441-4554** to sign up for a program requiring registration. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on the waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice.

Forest Park Office

5595 Grand Drive, St. Louis, MO 63112 • mdc.mo.gov/node/10254



From I-44 take Kingshighway north to West Pine Blvd, turn left. Follow West Pine to Lindell, turn left. Continue on Lindell past Union Drive to Cricket, turn left. Take first right onto Grand Ave. The visitor's center is on the right.

HOURS:

Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Programs are free. Call **314-877-1309** to sign up for a program requiring registration. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on the waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice.

Family Geocaching

Oct 10 • Thursday • 4:30–6:30 p.m.

(Ages 6 and up)

Learning how to operate a GPS and the exciting world of geocaching is a great way to experience nature as a family! As we track our way through Forest Park to find hidden treasures, families will work together to complete the course. The best part may be when we divide the families to set their own geocache. Come with competitive, family spirit and dress for the outdoors. This program will meet at the Dennis & Judith Jones Visitor and Education Center. (Reservations begin September 26.)

Taking Note: Field Journals for Nature Hikes and More

Oct 9 • Wednesday • 10 a.m.–noon

(Ages 8 and up)

Bring an empty cereal or cracker box. Indoors, we'll make our journals. Outdoors, we'll take a short hike in Forest Park to build on our naturalist skills. Find out how keeping your own journal can enrich even a walk around the block. Wear comfortable shoes. Meet at the Dennis and Judith Jones Visitor & Education Center. (Reservations begin September 26.)

Rockwoods Reservation

2751 Glencoe Road, Wildwood, MO 63038 • mdc.mo.gov/node/272



From I-44 take Hwy 109 north 4 miles to Woods Avenue; left onto Woods Avenue, then immediately right onto Glencoe Road. From Manchester Road take Hwy 109 south 2 miles to Woods Avenue; right onto Woods Avenue, then immediately right onto Glencoe Road.

HOURS:

Building: Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Area: Sunrise to one-half hour after sunset except authorized activities.

Programs are free. Call **636-458-2236** to sign up for a program requiring registration. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on the waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice.

Fall Hiking – Hiking in Nature for Fun and Fitness

Oct 12 • Saturday • 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Clark Trail, Weldon Spring C.A. – 5.3 miles

Oct 19 • Saturday • 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Howell Island Trail, Howell Island C.A. – 7.0 miles

(Adults and Families age 6 and up)

Gear up for a fall adventure by logging miles to shape up your hiking legs, break in boots, learn new skills and discover hiking trails close to home. Team up with our Naturalists to experience fall at its finest. We'll send you a letter with further details after you make your reservation. You can sign up for just one or both of the hikes. Effort = Moderate. (Reservations begin August 23.)

Bird Feeders

Oct 12 • Saturday • 9:30–11 a.m.

(Families)

Winter birds are fascinating and beneficial for your yard. Learn about their diet and ways to attract them at this hands-on program in which each family will get to build and take home a bird feeder of their own! We will be both indoors and outside so please dress appropriately for the weather. (Reservations begin September 16.)

Nuts to You!

Oct 16 • Wednesday • 9:30–11 a.m.

(Ages 3–6)

Squirrels are frisky, funny animals that love to jump, climb and chew. How can they leap from tree to tree or walk on wires without falling? What makes them run and climb so fast? Why do they stay busy digging holes and burying nuts? Join puppet Frisky Squirrel to find out! Together we will learn all about these exciting creatures through a story, craft activity and outdoor fun! (Reservations begin October 1.)



Volunteer Milestones

Nick Natoli	300 hours
Pat Burrell-Standley	1,000 hours

Discover the Green Rock Trail

Oct 26 • Saturday • 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

(Adults)

Are you looking for a fun, challenging trail in the St. Louis area? Look no further! Join us for a day of hiking in the beautiful hills of western St. Louis County. The Green Rock Trail is 15 miles long and spans three different public areas. A letter with further details will be sent to you after you make your reservation. Effort = Strenuous, due to length and elevation changes on the trail. (Reservations begin October 11.)



Those Awesome Stealth Fliers

Oct 29 • Tuesday • 9:30–11 a.m.

(Ages 7–12)

Eagles, hawks, falcons and owls are magnificent and highly specialized birds that we call raptors. Come learn what makes these birds-of-prey both masters of flight and supreme hunters. Find out why it is so important that we protect these very effective predators. We will focus on those raptors you might see in Missouri. (Reservations begin October 15.)